

**WHOLESALE MURDER OVER THE GREAT BAR**

**Seattle Fisherman Tells of Dark Suspicions Held.**

**Roanoke Arrived in From California Last Night.**

**CHARGES FRENCHMAN OPENLY**

**BARK HOMEWARD-BOUND HERE**

**Alleges a Series of Circumstances That Point Plainly to Guilt of Man He Knew Under Conditions That Warrant Belief.**

**French Bark Genevieve Molinos Arrives From London—Knight of St. George Bar Bound Below—Odds and Ends of Water Front News.**

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 24.—John Pahikkala, a fisherman, reported to the police today, a story which indicates that the crew of the fishing schooner Nellie Coleman, and several miners returning to Seattle as passengers from Alaska, have been deliberately murdered.

The Coleman left Unga Nov. 10 last, and never was heard of. Pahikkala avers that he was told certain circumstances which indicate a wholesale murder, by a Finnish sailor at San Francisco. This sailor was working on the light ship which picked up a Frenchman wearing a woman's clothes, that answered the description of those worn by Mrs. Johnson, wife of the master of the Coleman. The Frenchman declared he had been swept into the sea in a dory last winter and all his companions were drowned. The Finn had seen the same man earlier in the winter and he was penniless; but when he came aboard the lightship he had a large sum of money.

The Coleman had about \$2,000 aboard. The Frenchman got into a fight while on the lightship and was placed in irons. Later he escaped and disappeared.

**ALL FOR FREE CUBA.**

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ulous as it seems, there are persistent rumors that the insurgents intended harm to the American commissioners in the event of a peace compact being made on terms unsatisfactory to them.

Smoked meat is being laid down in large quantities and the rebel commanders are endeavoring to win over the veterans in the government service to join in the event of an American occupation of the island. Some of the veterans have already gone over and excused their conduct by saying that free Cuba demands it. The fact is that these men prefer fighting under any conditions to a life of peace, accompanied by the necessity of work.

In some of the camps there is much insubordination and mutterings against the leaders are heard because they have undertaken to make peace with the government through the Americans. The men in the field believe that they had the government beaten and that the Americans are now trying to steal their glory. This condition of affairs in some quarters is menacing the permanency of any agreement which may be made.

The insurgents are talking freely, and intend to burn Mariano if hostilities open, break into small bands, and seek safety in the mountains.

**FINNISH MESSAGES.**

Miss Olga Landen, Room 6, Pythian Bldg., Commercial St. Phone Black 2165

The bark Homeward Bound, from Australia, via Gautamala and San Francisco, arrived in over the Columbia river bar yesterday noon under her own canvas, with a cargo of coal for the Elmore docks. She will go to her pier sometime today and discharge at once. Her master has a double casualty to report in the death of two of his seamen during a stiff storm in mid-ocean on March 29th last. They were washed overboard at the height of the gale in latitude 45 degrees south, 160 west. The names of the unfortunate men were A. Bondet and Gus Stadtee, and the disaster was so swift in its way that no human help could avail the poor fellows.

The French bark Genevieve Molinos, out from London, for this port on May 16th last, arrived in over the bar at 5 o'clock yesterday evening. Captain Tattevin reports an uneventful trip. The Molinos will take out a general cargo for European delivery.

Captain A. M. Simpson came up from San Francisco and Eureka on the Roanoke last evening, to look after his extensive business affairs here, and on the northshore, as is his custom several times a year. He is in prime health and enjoying things generally.

The steamer Lurline came down on good time yesterday evening and among her passengers was Hon. William Reid, the well known railroad magnate from Portland. Mr. Reid is well known to all Astorians, as one of the active and progressive men of the state. The Lurline went up on schedule time last night with a big lot of freight and her cabins well patronized.

The steamship Roanoke arrived in from Los Angeles, San Francisco and Eureka at 5 o'clock yesterday evening, with seventy-six people in her cabins, and all the freight she could get up the river with. Among the Astoria passengers were noted Miss Maybelle Young, of Alderbrook, and A. Galsue, of Uniontown, this city. She left up for the metropolis at about 7 o'clock.

The big British tramp steamship Knight of St. George, came down from Portland early yesterday morning and went to the lower harbor, en route to Puget Sound, where she will take on her coal for the long voyage to Genoa, Italy. She has an immense general cargo on board. She made one attempt to cross out, under the guidance of the bar tug Wallula, but was compelled to return and wait a smoother bar, as she was drawing 24 feet of water, and things were altogether too rough.

The schooner Irene, from Redondo,



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came in on Sunday morning, and proceeded up the river under her own canvas, as far as she could on her way to Goble, where she will load out lumber for San Pedro.

The schooner Virginia was among Sunday's arrivals from San Francisco, and will take on lumber at Portland, for the return trip.

The steamer J. B. Stetson was an arrival from San Francisco yesterday morning. She went direct to the Tongue Point mills, where she will load lumber outward for the Bay City.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore left out for Tillamook City yesterday with a general cargo and a number of passengers.

The steamer Alliance will be down from the metropolis this morning early, bound for Coos Bay points, with all she can carry. She will not make Eureka any more.

The fine towing steamer Harvest Queen is on the ways in Portland, undergoing general repairs.

The steamer Oklahoma arrived down with the schooner William Olsen, on Sunday morning, and went back to Portland with the Coquille bar tug Triumph and the schooner Mabel Gale and the Virginia in tow.

The schooner William Olsen, San Francisco bound, with lumber, left out yesterday afternoon.

The steamship Costa Rica, bound for San Francisco, will be down from Portland at the O. R. & N. pier, on Thursday morning next.

The handsome little Heather, in charge of the rehabilitated lightship "No. 50" is due in from the Sound at any moment.

The steamer Telegraph arrived in from Portland on her 1:30 schedule yesterday, and among her passengers were the sixteen people in the Mack Swain troupe, billed for the Star theater this week. On her way back, she took Mrs. E. G. Shreve as far as Cathlamet.

**Just Had to Come Back**—Dr. H. L. Henderson has returned from a three weeks' tour throughout the East, whither he went to attend the grand lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men at Niagara Falls. He got as far as Montreal. In speaking of his itinerary, yesterday and what it revealed to him, he said he had crossed the continent five different times and yet he never saw such universal signs of abundance and all round prosperity as were evident on this tour. He enjoyed every hour and mile of his journey and might still be going, but he just had to come back. He has a real liking for Astoria and simply can't stay away.

**The Bids Filed**—Yesterday afternoon the bids heretofore called for in behalf of the improvement of Bond street, from Forty-second to Forty-fourth street, were opened by the committee in charge at the city hall, at which time and place the following offers were submitted: From Birch & Jacobson, at \$1,892; from W. A. Goodin, at \$1,800; and from Dill & Young, at \$1,595. The estimates made upon the work by City Surveyor Tee aggregated \$1,800; and the bid of Dill & Young was ordered recommended to the city council in this relation at its next meeting.

**On Leave of Absence**—Captain W. E. Smith of the custom house launch Patrol, is on his annual leave of absence, which lasts for thirty days, ending Oct. 12. While off duty Captain Smith's place is being ably filled by Captain A. E. Beard of the Callender Navigation Company.

**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Miss E. Sutherland of McMinnville, is visiting friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Eisert, of Portland, are viewing the interesting sights in Astoria and vicinity.

F. A. Sarjent of Deep River, Oregon, is in the city on a business visit.

Ivan Humason is registered at the Occident from Portland, and will remain in the city a few days, attending to business matters.

William Reid, of Portland, is an Astoria business visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Robinson, of Chinook, are spending a few days in Astoria, visiting friends and enjoying the sights in the city.

Peter Wahl of East Astoria, left yesterday evening for Seattle, where he will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rush departed yesterday morning for their Kansas City home, after a visit of several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Sovey.

W. R. Hume is in the city, having returned from San Francisco yesterday.

**Ordered to Vacate**—A certain wayfarer in Astoria, by the name of William Baney, had so impressed the police with his indifference, not to say, repudiation, of the doctrine of working for a living, eventuated yesterday in his being arraigned before Judge Anderson in the municipal court upon a charge of vagrancy, to which gentle and legal insinuation Mr. Baney instantly and cheerfully pleaded guilty, whereupon he was given his choice of three ways out, namely, by paying a fine of \$100; lying in the city jail for fifty days of twenty-four hours each, or taking his laundry and the 6:10 p. m. express hence and staying away for all time. He choose the latter, as the most dignified for one of his exclusive and high-toned station in life, and he went. He was not unaccompanied, either.

**Record Breaker for Rain**—Never before, at least it is not recorded by the local weather bureau, as maintained by Observer Powell, has there been so much rainfall in the month of September, 1903. Although the rainfall has been heavy it has, nevertheless, been of great benefit. The winter grass has started, which will be of great advantage to the dairymen, as the cows will give richer milk and more of it than of late. The streams are swollen and logs that were not brought out during the high water of last winter, are readily floated down to milling points of vantage.

**Held Dance in School House**—For a time Saturday evening the dignity of the Peterson school house was abated for a while, when the residents of that neighborhood cleared the benches and desks away and converted it into a ball room. It was thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowd present and the hour for dismissal came only too soon.

**Pay Up Before Monday**—If you have not paid the second half of your taxes on the 1905 roll, it is decidedly to your interest to do so before Monday, when the time limit expires. The sheriff and his deputies have been kept busy the past few days collecting money from that source.

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**Ordered to Montana**—Ensign Henrietta Bigman and her co-officers of the local Salvation Army, have been ordered to Montana for duty. They have been here eight months and have made a host of friends by their honest energy and womanly characters. Rev. Dr. Morehouse, of the Congregational church, will be the speaker of the evening at the barracks tonight, as was Rev. Mr. Harick last night.

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**NOTICE.**  
All bills against the Astoria Regatta Committee must be presented on or before Oct. 1, 1903, or they will not be honored. COMMITTEE. eod

**DESERVATE MURDER.**

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Coroner's Physician Weston, who viewed the body, advanced a theory that impressed the police. "From the condition of the torso," he said, "I am sure that the murder was committed after midnight and I also believe that three men disposed of the remains. Very probably the three each carried a portion and meant to throw them all in the river, which is only a few hundred yards away. They got frightened away and one of them checked the body into this hole. Another ran into the freight yard and seeing the car door open flung his load inside. The third kept on to the river and hurled the head far out into the water.

"I do not mean that the murderer was necessarily a surgeon. A butcher might have done the work." Detective Petrosino, one of the many police officers assigned to the case, after an investigation said: "I do not think the murder was prearranged, for in disposing of the body the murderer picked up as wrappings whatever came to his hand—a table cover and a mantle cover.

"The brutality of the crime indicates that there was a strong motive, such as revenge or jealousy, rather than robbery. "The murderers knew something of anatomy as the body was dismembered so neatly that not even a bone or joint was scratched."

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